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The proposed settlement should not be approved as is.

I do not believe that the proposed settlement does anything to rectify the situation created by the found criminal antitrust activities of Microsoft Corporation. The reason for antitrust laws is to maintain healthy competition and markets to promote more and better products. The settlement as proposed only legitimizes the anticompetitive behavior that has killed off so many potential innovators in the software industry.

The proposed settlement is not in the best interests of the consumers of software, in spite of the posturing of Microsoft. Nothing they do or propose can be taken as being in the interests of the consumers. They make so-called "standards" and patent them (their message block structure for Windows XP to kill off Samba) and poison emerging standards such as Java all in the interest of Microsoft, not the consumer.

I am totally opposed to this settlement as now structured.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
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